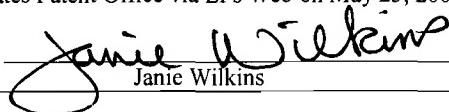


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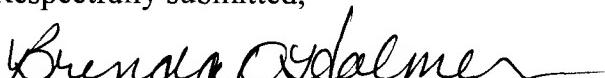
The Notice of Allowability mailed February 28, 2006 included a statement of reasons for allowance. The reasons for allowance cite particular claim elements as being not taught or suggested by the prior art of record. In particular, the Examiner indicated that the prior art of record does not disclose or suggest the elements of the environmental information providing system recited in Claim 40, and further indicated that the combination of the environmental information collection system with the ability to command a measurement condition setting update of all the sensors when one sensor measures a large amount of pollen to provide, for example as described in the specification (see p. 14, lines 10-18), activation of

sensors not carrying out measurement of pollen in view of limited battery power, is found to be a novel feature of the claimed invention over the prior art as set forth in Claims 39 and 40.

Claim 39 is directed to a method for providing environmental information to users, whereas Claim 40 is directed to an environmental information providing system. Claim 39 recites commanding a measurement condition setting update of all sensors in one of the plurality of regions for carrying out a measurement from the base device, when at least one environmental sensor operated to carry out the measurement in the one of the plurality of regions measures a large amount of pollens. Claim 40 recites a corresponding commanding unit. Claim 39 does not recite a first communication unit, a database, a processing unit, a second communication unit, and a commanding unit, and neither Claim 39 nor Claim 40 recite providing activation of sensors not carrying out measurement of pollen in view of limited battery power.

To the extent that the Examiner's reasons for allowance suggest or state that certain limitations or combinations not found in the prior art are present in each and every claim whether or not specific language to that effect is found in every claim, it is noted that "the record as a whole" must be considered as a supplement to the statement of reasons for allowance, and to the extent that the record is clear and complete, it shall control the interpretation of any and all claims.

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